Motion for Compensation For Attorneys

This process will demonstrate the steps to file a motion for compensation in the CM/ECF system.

STEP 1 Click on the <u>Bankruptcy</u> hyperlink on the CM/ECF Main Menu Bar. (See Figure 1.)

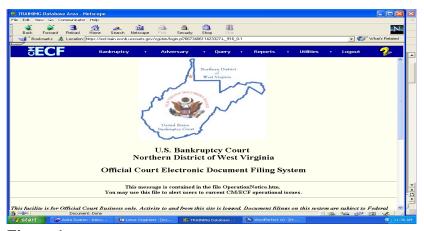


Figure 1

STEP 2 The BANKRUPTCY EVENTS screen displays. (See Figure 2.)

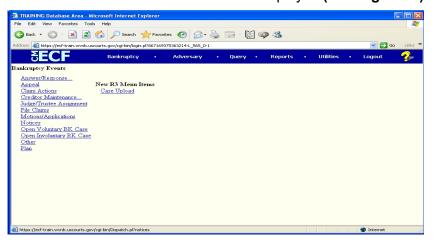


Figure 2

Click the <u>Motions/Applications</u> hyperlink.

STEP 3 The CASE NUMBER screen displays. (See Figure 3.)

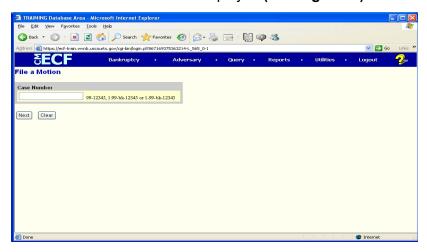


Figure 3

- Enter the case number.
- ◆ Click [Next] to continue.
- STEP 4 The File a Motion screen displays. (See Figure 4.)

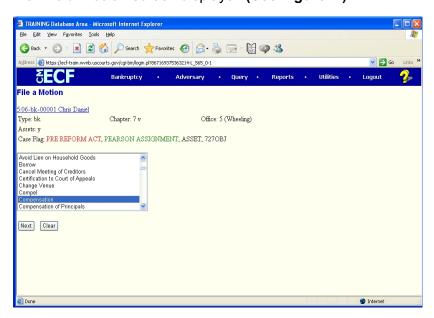


Figure 4

- Verify the case name and case number that are displayed.
 - ◆ If the case name and number are <u>incorrect</u>, click the browser [Back] button to re-enter the case number.
 - If the system prompts that you have entered an invalid case number, click the browser [Back] button to try again.
 - Using the up and down arrows to the right of the box, scroll the options to highlight the type of document being filed. In this lesson, select Compensation.

NOTE: You may also type the first letter of a relief (in this case 'C') to immediately move to the list of reliefs that begin with a particular letter.

◆ Click [Next] to continue.

STEP 5 The Joint Filing With Other Attorneys screen displays. (See Figure 5.)

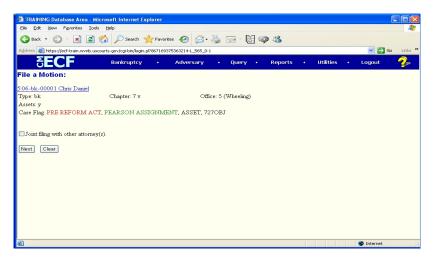


Figure 5

- ♦ If this filing is joint with another attorney, click to place a check in the Joint Filing box. If this is not a joint filing, no action is required.
- ◆ Click [Next] to continue.

STEP 6 The Select the Party screen displays. (See Figure 6a.)

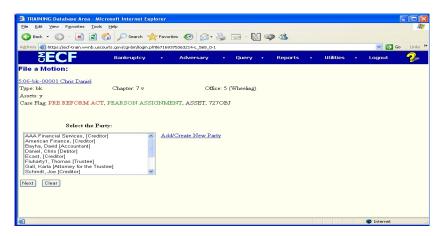


Figure 6a

- Click the down arrow to scroll the Select the Party box to locate the party filer (whom you are representing) IF YOU ARE SEEKING COMPENSATION. If you are seeking compensation for a party OTHER THAN WHOM YOU ARE REPRESENTING, i.e., accountant, appraiser, consultant, you would select or add the entity on this screen.
- Click to highlight and select the appropriate party as explained above.
- ◆ Then click [Next].
- ◆ If the party filer does not appear in the Select the Party box, Click on Add/Create New Party.
- ◆ The Search for a Party screen displays
- On Search for a Party screen, enter the name of the party you represent in the Last/Business Name field
 - Then click Search.
 - If the name of the party you are representing is not contained in the court's database for this case, you will receive the following message: No person found. Select Create new party.
 - ◆ Complete the **Party Information** screen. The party's name will be displayed. Enter address by using Address 1, Address 2 and Address 3 fields and City, State and Zip

fields. The **Pro Se** field should remain **No** as you are filing the motion as the attorney.

- Select Appropriate Role type. This may be Creditor,
 Accountant, Appraiser, etc.
- ◆ Then click Submit.
- ◆ The Select the Party screen will display. Select the entity you added.
- Then click [Next].
- ◆ The Attorney/Party Association screen will display. Create your association with this party by clicking in the box ONLY IF YOU ARE COUNSEL FOR THE ENTITY SEEKING COMPENSATION. (See Figure 6b.)

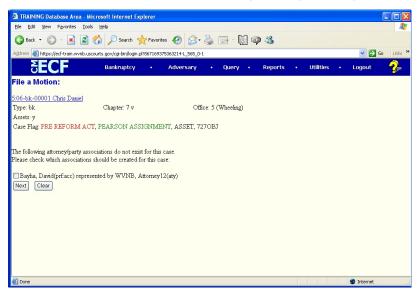


Figure 6b

◆ Then click [Next].

STEP 7 The Select the pdf document screen displays. (See Figure 7.)

- ◆ Click [Browse], then navigate to the directory where the PDF file is located. Double-click the PDF file to select it.
- ♦ In the File Upload screen, change Files of type: to All Files(*.*).

NOTE: If you wish to view the image before selecting to be sure you have chosen the correct file, before double-clicking, first right click on the highlighted filename and click on **open**. You can view the image in Adobe Acrobat, then close Adobe Acrobat when you have finished viewing the image.

- ◆ The **Attachments to Document** option defaults to **No**. If you have attachments to this document, click the **Yes** radio button to indicate there are attachments. (Refer to module: *Attachments to Documents* for more information.)
- Click [Next] to continue.

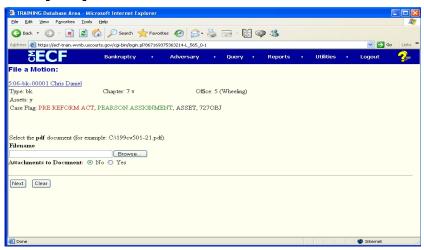


Figure 7

STEP 8 (See Figure 8.)

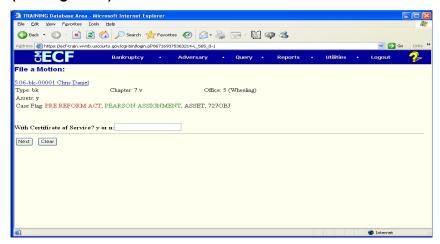


Figure 8

- ◆ Enter y or n on this screen if a Certificate of Service is being filed with the motion.
- ◆ Click [Next] to continue.
- Click [Next] after verifying the name and bankruptcy number.
- STEP 9 The following screen displays. (See Figure 9a.)

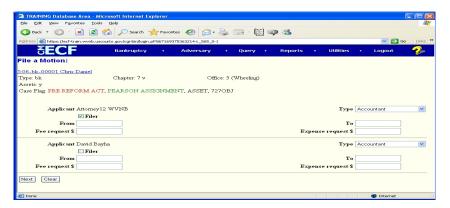


Figure 9a

◆ You will complete only one portion of this screen. **If you are seeking compensation,** enter the information in the upper half of the screen.

If you are seeking compensation for another party (such as an accountant, appraiser, auctioneer, consultant, etc.), you will enter the information in the lower half of the screen. (See Figure 9b.)

♦ Select the Filer

NOTE: Whoever is seeking compensation cannot have the filer box checked in their portion of the screen. For Example: If you are filing a motion for compensation on behalf of yourself as counsel for the debor(s), do <u>not</u> select *filer* in the upper half of the screen. You would select *filer* in the lower portion of the screen. It is not necessary to select *Type* in the lower portion of the screen.

Another Example: If you are filing a motion for compensation on behalf of an accountant, do **not** select *filer* in the lower half of the screen. You would select *filer* in the upper portion of the screen.

- ◆ Type Select applicable type such as Creditor's Attorney, Debtor's Attorney.
- ◆ From Complete date
- ◆ To Complete date
- ◆ Fee request \$ Enter amount
- Expense request\$ Enter amount

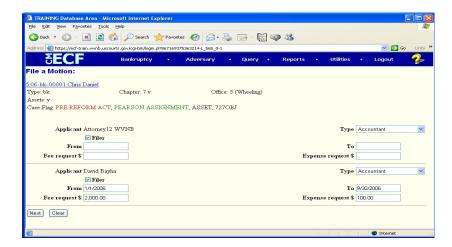


Figure 6b

- ◆ Click [Next] to continue.
- ♦ A message may display indicating that you did not enter any fees or expenses in the other section of the screen. Click [OK] twice.
- STEP 10 The Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate screen displays. (See Figure 10.)

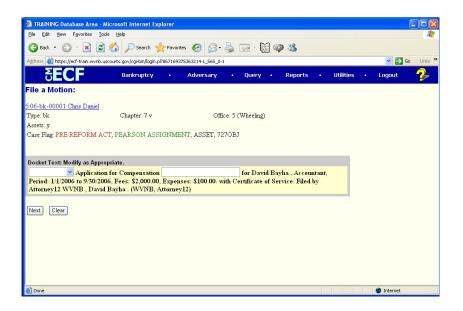


Figure 10

- You may insert additional text and/or add a prefix to your docket entry. Click on the down arrow in the white box to select an appropriate prefix if applicable
- ◆ Click [Next] to continue.
- STEP 11 The Docket Text: Final Text screen displays. (See Figure 11.)

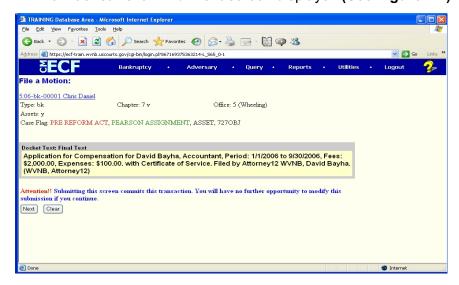


Figure 11

- This is your last opportunity to make corrections to your entry.
- Verify the final docket text.
- ◆ If correct, click [Next] to continue.
- If the final docket text is incorrect, you must click on your Browser's Back button to correct your entries.
- ◆ To abort or restart the transaction, click on the **Bankruptcy** hyperlink on the Menu Bar.
- The **Notice of Electronic Filing** screen will display showing the essential data for this filing. Scroll down to view the entire receipt. (See Figure 12.)

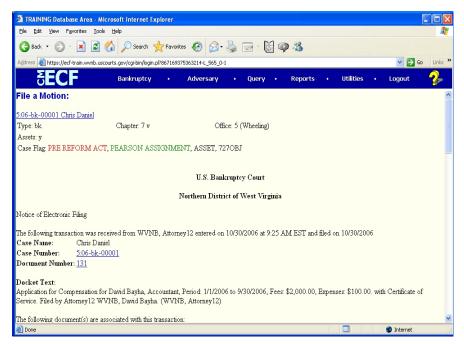


Figure 12

- The notice will include the following information:
 - ◆ Who filed the document
 - Date and time
 - ◆ Case name
 - Case number
 - Document number
 - ◆ Original filename (pdf)
 - ◆ Electronic document stamp
 - ♦ Electronic mail recipients and manual notice lists